

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-45-79

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SSI/SSP BENEFIT LEVEL FOR IHSS INCOME ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER 124-78 (12/19/78) - MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (46-325 and 46-315)

Recently we have received inquiries concerning the amount of the SSI/SSP benefit level to be used in the income eligibility computation for IHSS income eligible applicants. This has become an issue as a result of recent public law, "PL95-458", which allows a \$10.00 per month increase in an SSI/SSP recipient's gold check for certain individuals as a food stamp cash-out. Please see All County Letter 124-78 dated 12/19/78, for specific requirements and restrictions.

The question occurs when the counties are computing eligibility for IHSS income eligibles. Although some status eligible individuals may receive SSI/SSP payments for \$10.00 more than the benefit levels established in Manual of Policies and Procedures 46-325, the SSI/SSP benefit levels for aged, blind, and disabled individuals remains consistent with 46-325. When calculating eligibility for IHSS income eligible applicants, the bonus value of any food stamps received is excluded, as per Manual of Policies and Procedures 46-315, and the Social Security Administration's Claims Manual 12385.2. Exclusion of the bonus value of any food stamps received by income eligibles helps to eliminate any inequities that may exist in the treatment of income eligible IHSS recipients and status eligible IHSS recipients receiving the \$10.00 cash-out payment.

Therefore, the SSI/SSP payment level for IHSS income eligible applicants remains unchanged despite the Food Stamp Cash-out Program. If you have any further questions or concerns pertaining to this issue, please contact your Program Management Consultant, at (916) 445-8724.

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JAMES H. GOMEZ
Deputy Director

cc: CWDA

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